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OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; 5p-/Cri Du Chat syndrome is a rare chromosomal condition that results from a missing portion of chromosome number five in affected individuals and that is characterized by low birth weight, a high-pitched cry in infancy, poor muscle tone, and microcephaly, among other potential medical and developmental complications; and

WHEREAS; 5p-/Cri Du Chat syndrome occurs in approximately one in 20,000 to 50,000 births, and it is estimated that, throughout the United States, there are hundreds of families affected by the condition, including many in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; with ongoing support from parents and loved ones, therapists, and other medical and educational professionals, children diagnosed with 5p-/Cri Du Chat syndrome are able to reach their full potential and live their most independent, fulfilling, and meaningful lives; and

WHEREAS; every year, a major goal of International 5p-/Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week and Day is to end the spread of outdated misinformation to families when their child is diagnosed with the condition; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the 5p-Society, along with dedicated individuals, families, advocates, and organizations from around the world, in raising awareness of 5p-/Cri Du Chat Syndrome and supporting affected families in Wisconsin and beyond;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 1 - 15, 2022, as

## INTERNATIONAL 5P-/CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

and May 5, 2022, as

## **INTERNATIONAL 5P-/CRI DU CHAT** SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29th day of April 2022.

**GOVERNOR** 

By the Governor:

Secretary of State